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SUBJ: UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM--BILATERALS
WITH SOVDEL

1. AT OUR SUGGESTION US ALT REP AND DELOFF MET
JULY 20 WITH SOVDEL (AMB SAFRONCHUK AND FEDOROV) AT
SMUN ON SUBJECT OF WORK OF UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
TERRORISM.

2. MAIN TOPIC WAS ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF COMMITTEE.
BOTH DELS AGREED THAT IT REGRETTABLE THAT ONE FULL
WEEK SPENT ON SELECTION OF BUREAU. USDEL SAID IT
IMPORTANT THAT WORK OF COMITE BE ORGANIZED IN ORDERLY
FASHION AND THAT WE EXCHANGE VIEWS ON IT. IN THIS
CONNECTION, WE NOTED THAT WE HAD BEEN MUCH DISAPPOINTED
BY SOVIET FAILURE TO MAINTAIN COOPERATIVE STANCE ON
ITEM IN GA WHEN WE HAD ACCEPTED THEIR IDEA OF
REFERRING MATTER TO ILC ONLY TO HAVE THEM BACK OFF.
THIS PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTING SINCE THEY FULLY
AWARE IT ITEM TO WHICH WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE. PROGRESS
IN AGGRESSION COMITE WHERE OUR DELS HAD COOPERATED
MORE FULLY GIVEN AS EXAMPLE OF HOW WE SHOULD WORK.
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3. WE SAID WE THOUGHT OUR DELS COULD AGREE MOST REASONABLE PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW AFTER CONCLUSION OF BRIEF GENERAL DEBATE WOULD BE TO RESOLVE COMMITTEE INTO TWO PARALLEL SUBCOMMITTEES, ONE TO CONSIDER CAUSES AND OTHER TO CONSIDER MEASURES, AND THAT BOTH OF THESE REPORT BACK TO PLENARY. SAFRONCHUK AGREED THAT WAY TO ACHIEVE IT WOULD BE BY CONSENSUS. HE THOUGHT GENERAL DEBATE WOULD BE OF LIMITED DURATION AND THAT DURING THIS TIME SOUNDINGS COULD BE TAKEN WITH VIEW TO ACHIEVING CONSENSUS ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND AVOIDING NEW PROCEDURAL IMPASSE. WE REVIEWED ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF TWO SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEDURE, EMPHASIZING THAT CRUCIAL POINT WAS THAT NO DEL HAD ANYTHING TO FEAR FROM THIS PROCEDURE AS SUBCOMMITTEES WOULD REPORT TO PLENARY, WHICH WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC INQUIRIES BY FEDOROV, WE SAID THAT SUBCOMMITTEES SHOULD WORK ON A PARALLEL BASIS WITH NEITHER HAVING PRIORITY AND THAT WE WOULD FIND ANY FORMULA FOR THE COMPOSITION OF SUBCOMMITTEES ACCEPTABLE, BUT THOUGHT FORMULA THAT MIGHT BE MOST ACCEPTABLE GENERALLY WOULD BE TO HAVE MEMBERSHIP OPEN-ENDED. SOVDEL AGREED WITH THESE POINTS.

4. COMMENT: IT UNCLEAR EXACTLY HOW FAR OUT ON LIMB SOVS WILLING TO GO ON THIS, AND IT CLEAR THAT THEY WISH TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OR VOTING IF POSSIBLE. WE SEE SOME CHANCE OF COMMITTEE ACCEPTING TWO SUBCOMMITTEE APPROACH IF EES LED BY SOVS JOIN WITH WEOS, LAS, AND A FEW ASIANS (JAPAN, IRAN) IN FAVORING IT. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER SOVS WILL IN FACT TAKE ANY COURSE OF ACTION IN TERRORISM COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME (I.E., SC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE) WHICH IS NOT COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO ARABS.

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